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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1941.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

In presenting my annual report for the year 1941 I have complied with the instructions laid down in Circular 2604 of the Ministry of Health dated 24th March, 1942.

There have been no changes in the general provisions of health services for the area. The legislation in force in the area has remained the same.

There have been no marked changes or developments in the sanitary circumstances of the area during the year. For details see Sanitary Inspectors' reports. The water supply was satisfactory in quantity and quality during the year.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During 1941 - 907 children were immunised against diphtheria, of these, 345 were children under five years of age, and 562 were children aged between five and fifteen years. I estimate that about 65 per cent of children in the Holmfirth district have now been immunised against diphtheria. This prophylactic treatment is offered by the Government free of charge to all children. In order to take advantage of it all the parents have to do is to take their child to their own doctor or to the Medical Officer of Health.

APPENDIX 1.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	17,565 acres.
Rateable Value	£89,625
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£ 352

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

LIVE BIRTHS.	<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Birth rate per 1,000 population.</u>
Holmfirth	208	123	85	10.97
	(204	121	83	legitimate
	4	2	2	illegitimate

STILL BIRTHS				<u>Rate per 1,000 total births (live & still)</u>
Holmfirth	13	5	8	0.68
	(12	5	7	legitimate
	1	0	1	illegitimate

DEATHS				<u>Crude death rate per 1,000 pop'n.</u>
Holmfirth	245	134	111	12.92

	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 births.</u>
<u>Deaths from Puerperal Causes:</u>		
From Puerperal Sepsis	0	0
From other Puerperal causes	0	0

Death rate of Infants under one year.

TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.
10	7	3		
		<u>Total Death Rate.</u>		
Holmfirth		47.39	47.39	0

HOLMFIRTH. (composite figures for whole year)

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	34

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

HOLMFIRTH AREA.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Holmfirth U.D.C.

Gentlemen,

I herewith furnish statement of the sanitary work
done, coming under my notice and supervision during 1941.

Dairies and Cowsheds Regulations.

Number of inspections made during 1941	497
Number of cowsheds registered	82

Nuisances.

Number of inspections during 1941	478
" reported during 1941	35
" in hand at close of 1940	2
" needing abatement	37
" abated during 1941	36
" outstanding at close of 1941	1
" of informal notices served	32
" of informal notices complied with	32
" of statutory notices served	5
" of statutory notices complied with	4

Sewerage and Drainage - Development during 1941.

No specific development of sewers or drains during 1941.

Closet Accommodation.

No. of pailclosets in district at close of 1941	56
" " privies with covered middens	879
" " additional pail closets provided in 1941	--
" " privies converted into water closets in 1941	11
" " additional water closets provided to old property	3
" " additional water closets provided to new property	-
" " Water closets in district at the end of 1941	1889

Evacuation.

On the 16th June 1941, I was appointed Billeting Officer for
the whole of the Urban District of Holmfirth, and I trust this work
has been carried out to the satisfaction of the Council.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the
Chairman and members of the Health and Housing Committee, and the
Chairman and members of the Evacuation Committee, and all officials
of the Council for their valuable assistance.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Sam Bray

Sanitary Inspector &
Billeting Officer.

SANITARY INSPECTOR & CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have pleasure in submitting for consideration my annual report upon the sanitary and cleansing section of the district for the year 1941.

A summary of inspections are as follows:-

No. of inspections for nuisances	561
" houses	37
" cowsheds	307
" meat & other foods	268
" workshops	14
" factories	49
" bakehouses	20
" Houses or schools disinfected	19
" Informal notices served	92
" Informal notices complied with	89
" Statutory notices served	1
" Statutory notices complied with	1

1. FARMS AND COWSHEDS.

Regular inspections have been made of the cows and cowsheds in the district which were found to be in a clean and sanitary condition.

2. MEAT INSPECTIONS.

All animals killed on licence are inspected on notification, a good number of these are killed at licensed slaughter houses. The bulk supply of meat for retail is sent from Huddersfield and distributed locally.

3. SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

There have been 10 W.C.s installed during the year, and of these eight were to replace defective privies, and tub closets, and two were additional lavatory accommodation in factories.

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

The Council are responsible for the cleansing and disposal of the contents of ashpits, privy middens, dustbins and pail closets in their area, which is carried out by direct labour and mechanical transport.

Four motor lorries are employed as follows:
Two in the Holmfirth area. One in Honley and one in New Mill. Most of the refuse is disposed of by tipping and owing to the great demand for the salvage of material bought, extra labour has had to be employed. The approximate amounts of refuse disposed of and the method of disposal are as follows:-

TONS.

Refuse disposed of at Berry Banks tip	2,565
Refuse disposed of at Honley destructor	1,342
Refuse disposed of at Syke Bottom and Foster Place tip	1,056

Revenue from the sales of salvaged materials which are taken from March 31st, 1941, to March 31st, 1942, are as follows:-

	<u>T. C. Q.</u>	<u>£. s. d.</u>
Newspaper	28. 1. 3	208.14. 9
Waste paper	168. 4. 1	672.19. 0
Metals	8.15. 0	37.17. 4
Tins	42.13. 0	73. 5. 4
Textiles	5. 1. 2	60. 7. 8
Bottles	13. 2	6. 1. 2
Bones	3. 9. 1	8. 2. 5
TOTALS	<u>256.18. 1</u>	<u>£1067. 7. 8</u>

5. In concluding may I tender my sincere thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health and Housing, and Salvage Committees, and to all officials for their continued support and consideration.

I am, Your obedient servant,

Erwin Haugh
Sanitary Inspector & Cleansing Supt.

Non-Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

Influenza was prevalent during the winter months throughout the district. There were nine deaths from this disease. There was a certain amount of mumps towards the latter end of the year.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

234 cases of notifiable infectious disease were notified to me during 1941, compared with 419 in 1940. Excluding cases notified under the Measles and Whooping Cough Regulations 1939, there were 82 cases of other infectious disease compared with 48 in 1940 and 88 in 1939. These were comprised as follows:-

Pneumonia	32	Scarlet Fever	28	Erysipelas	11
Puerperal		Para typhoid B	1	Measles	43
Pyrexia	1				
		Diphtheria	9	Whooping Cough	109

Scarlet Fever.

28 cases of scarlet fever were notified during the year. 17 of these cases were school children, 10 children under school age, and one adult. All except one were isolated in hospital, and there were no deaths from this disease.

These cases were scattered throughout the district, there being 15 from the old Holmfirth district, 7 from New Mill and 6 from Honley.

Diphtheria.

Nine cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, eight of these were treated in hospital, and one isolated at home. All of these cases recovered. There was one death from this disease during the year, an infant belonging to the district that died outside the district, and was transferred back for registration. Four of the cases were in children under school age, two in school children and three in adults. Only one of these cases had been immunised against diphtheria. Three of the cases occurred in one household.

Para-typhoid B.

One case, a child under school age was notified during the year, the disease had been contracted whilst the child was staying outside the district. The case was isolated in hospital, and there were no further cases.

Whooping Cough.

109 cases of whooping cough were notified during the year, mostly during the first half of the year. 67 of these were from the old Holmfirth district, 25 from Honley, 13 from New Mill and 4 from Holme.

Measles.

43 cases were notified, chiefly during the spring. 27 being from Thongsbridge and 6 from Holmbridge. Nine from Honley and one from New Mill.

Pneumonia.

32 cases of pneumonia were notified during the year, of which nine died.

Puerperal Pyrexia.

One case of puerperal pyrexia was notified during the year. This case was a mild one, and was removed to the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary.

Tuberculosis.

Six fresh cases of pulmonary and three cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis have been notified during the year. There have been seven deaths from this disease, four from pulmonary and three from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases during the Year, 1912.

DISEASE	Total cases notified	Under 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	10 to 15 years	15 to 20 years	20 to 35 years	35 to 45 years	45 to 65 years	Over 65 years	Cases admitted to Hospital	TOTAL DEATHS.
Scarlet Fever	28	0	1	2	3	4	11	6	3	1	0	0	0	27	0
Diphtheria	9	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	8	1
Pneumonia	32	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	5	9	5	8	0	9
Erysipelas	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	5	3	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Para Typhoid B	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Measles	43	1	3	2	5	3	25	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	109	5	7	7	18	17	48	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS:	234	6	12	13	26	29	88	14	1	11	9	14	11	37	10

Hospital
for the
Treatment of
Infectious
Diseases -

The Colne
and Holme
Joint
Isolation
Hospital
at Meltham.

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 to 5 years	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1
5 to 10 years	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
10 to 15 years	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 20 years	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 to 25 years	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
25 to 35 years	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 to 45 years	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
45 to 55 years	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
55 to 65 years	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Over 65 years	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
TOTALS	3	3	1	2	1	3	1	2

APPENDIX II.

Statistics provided by the Registrar General.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	No. of Births.	Birth Rate per 1,000.	No. of Deaths.	Crude Death Rate per 1,000.	Deaths under 1 year.	Rate per 1,000 births.
1938	235	12.45	264	13.99	13	55.31
1939	209	11.09	259	13.70	9	43.06
1940	227	12.12	271	14.47	8	35.24
1941	208	10.97	245	12.92	10	47.39

BIRTHS.

Two hundred and eight births have been registered during the year, of which one hundred and twenty-three were males and eighty-five females. Four of these births were illegitimate, 2 males and 2 females. The birth rate is 10.97 per thousand persons, compared with a birth rate of 14.2 for the whole of England and Wales. There were thirteen still births of which five were males and eight females registered, during the year. One of these females was illegitimate. This gives a still birth rate per thousand persons of 0.68 compared with a still birth rate of 0.51 for England and Wales.

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were ten deaths amongst infants under one year of age, of which seven were males and three females, all legitimate. The causes of death were premature birth five, congenital malformation 2, broncho pneumonia, bronchitis and diphtheria one each. The infant mortality rate is 47.39 compared with an infant mortality rate of 59 for England and Wales.

DEATHS.

During the year three hundred deaths were registered in the district. 97 of these deaths were persons belonging to other districts and were transferred out of the district for burial; 42 deaths also occurred amongst persons outside the district belonging to the district and these were transferred back into this district. This gives a nett total of 245 deaths for the district. 111 of these were males and 134 females. The crude death rate is 12.92 per thousand persons, compared with a death rate of 12.9 for England and Wales.

Places of Death .

Sixty-two of the nett total of two hundred and forty-five deaths occurred in Public Institutions.

Ages at Death.

Of the nett total of two hundred and forty-five deaths, two were of persons over the age of ninety-years, one hundred and sixty-five were of persons over the age of 65 years and forty-six were persons aged between 45 and 65 years.

Causes of Death.

The Chief causes of death were heart disease 66, cerebral vascular disease 36, cancer 34, nephritis 10, influenza, bronchitis and pneumonia 9 each. Digestive diseases 8, tuberculosis 7.

Maternal Mortality.

There were no deaths from puerperal causes during the year. This gives a maternal mortality rate of 0 per 1,000 total (live and still) births, compared with a maternal mortality rate of 2.23 for England and Wales. This is the lowest maternal mortality rate there has been for some years.

CAUSES OF DEATH in 1941.

The Registrar General's list of causes of death is as stated below:-

Causes of Death.	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>

Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fevers	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Diphtheria	1	-
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	1	2
Other forms of tuberculosis	1	3
Syphilitic diseases	-	-
Influenza	3	6
Measles	-	-
Ac:Polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis	-	-
Ac:Inf:Encephalitis	-	-
Cancer of Buc: Cav: and oesophagus (M)	2	
uterus (F)		3
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	4
Cancer of breast	-	5
Cancer of all other sites	11	9
Diabetes	3	1
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	20	16
Heart disease	30	36
Other circulatory diseases	1	-
Bronchitis	4	5
Pneumonia	3	6
Other respiratory diseases	1	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	1
Diarrhoea, under 2 years	-	-
Appendicitis	-	-
Other digestive diseases	2	6
Nephritis	7	3
Puerperal and postabortion sepsis	-	-
Other maternal causes	-	-
Premature birth	3	2
Congenital malformation and birth injuries	2	1
Suicide	1	1
Road Traffic accidents	1	0
Other violent causes	1	1
All other causes	11	24
All causes	<u>111</u>	<u>134</u>

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

T. S. DAVY, M.B.

Medical Officer of Health.

